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Amdt. Dated: November 8, 2007

Reply to Examiner's Amendment of August 14, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended in response to the Examiner's Amendments made and attached to the "Notice of Allowability" dated August 14, 2007.

In Claim 1 at lines 3 to 5 "a hydrolyzed polycondensate of said organic-inorganic hybrid polymer and/or its hydrolyzed polycondensate and said organometallic compound" means that hydrolysis and polycondensation of said organometallic compound and said organic-inorganic hybrid polymer are already performed, as in Claim 8.

Hence, in Claim 1 at lines 3 to 4, "a hydrolyzed polycondensate" may be a partially hydrolyzed polycondensate or a fully hydrolyzed polycondensate. However, in Claim 1 at lines 4 to 5, "its hydrolyzed polycondensate" may be a partially hydrolyzed polycondensate because "its hydrolyzed polycondensate" are further hydrolyzed and condensed with said organometallic compound to form a hydrolyzed polycondensate.

Accordingly, the terms "fully" and "partially" were appropriately added to the pending Claim 1.

Also, as the limitation "organometallic compound represented by the following general formula 1" is first introduced in Claim 1 at line 7, Applicant contends the use of the term "an" is appropriate.

Reconsideration of this claim and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Claim 15 has been amended to indicate that the phrase "a hydrolyzed polycondensate of said organic-inorganic hybrid polymer and/or its hydrolyzed polycondensate and an organometallic compound, as originally drafted, includes the following:

--a hydrolyzed polycondensate of

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a second organometallic compound, and
said organic-inorganic hybrid polymer
and/or
its hydrolyzed polycondensate. . . .

Applicant contends the proposed amendments better set forth the claimed invention and respectfully request entry of the same.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Angebranndt for his time in discussing the proposed amendments on November 7, 2007. .

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CONCLUSION

As the "Issue Fee" for the present application is due by **NOVEMBER 14, 2007**,

Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner could review the above amendments well before such date. Should the above claim amendments be unacceptable, Applicant request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to discuss corrections in advance of the deadline. Should any other formalities remain which can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, Applicant further requests that the undersigned be contacted by phone in order to expedite the issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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